

**Nomination of Russell F. Canan To Be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

*March 4, 1993*

The President has nominated Russell F. Canan to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In doing so, the President discharged his responsibility under local law to select a nominee from a list of candidates originally submitted last year by the District of Columbia Judicial Nominating Commission.

"I was impressed with all of the candidates," said the President, "but Russ Canan stood out because of his broad support within the District of Columbia legal community, including Mayor Kelly's personal recommendation, and because of the impressive track record he has accumulated in 16 years of law practice in Washington. Above all, we heard nothing but the highest praise for Mr. Canan's professional skills and talents from those who know his work the best: the many judges on the Superior Court before whom he has practiced."

Mr. Canan is a partner in the firm of Canan, Keirsh & Lobo, specializing in criminal law. He was previously a partner in the firms of Milliken, Van Susteren & Canan; and Canan, Burns & O'Toole. Mr. Canan has also served as an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, and the Washington College of Law at American University. In 1983, he worked as a staff attorney for the Southern Prisoners' Defense Committee.

He received his J.D. from Antioch School of Law in 1976, and his B.A. from Syracuse University in 1972. He worked as law clerk to the Hon. John D. Fauntleroy in 1975-76, and for the legal assistance branch of D.C. Superior Court after graduation from law school in 1976.

Mr. Canan's law practice has also included many complex civil litigation matters and extensive *pro bono* representations in both civil and criminal cases.

**Remarks on Mayoral Support for the Economic Plan and an Exchange With Reporters**

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**The President.** I want to thank all of the Mayors who spoke and all the ones who are here who have not spoken for their strong support without regard to party or region or the size of the communities from which they come. As a matter of fact, when I heard the Mayor of York, Pennsylvania, speak, I was trying to decide whether his tie was a Republican or a Democratic tie. [Laughter] I think it is really an all-American tie. It's a bold tie, the Vice President said. [Laughter]

I want to say a special word of thanks, too, to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Henry Cisneros, who is with us, who has worked very closely with the Mayors.

I have just a few things I want to say about this. First of all, any Mayor who has served for any length of time has been compelled to make the kinds of choices that are embodied in this economic program. If you look at the budgets of the cities of this country or the budgets of the States of this country over the last decade you will see the choices that have been imposed in order to balance books and keep the functions of our cities running, in order to deal with relative reductions in Federal assistance and all the economic crises that have ripped our communities. Mayors have learned to cut budgets and to shift funds away from inessential things toward investments in our futures.

I know that that is one reason that Mayors intuitively and without regard to party have responded to my efforts to increase investment and reduce the deficit at the same time. We have to do both. Today there was a report that the unemployment rate in February dropped to 7 percent, one-tenth of 1 percent, and that 365,000 jobs were created, an estimated 365,000 jobs. That is good news. But if you look behind the numbers, it also reveals the stark challenges before us, for most of those jobs were part-time jobs, and we are still about 3 million jobs behind where we would ordinarily be in a recovery.